

3 BAD MEN BREAK JAIL

Find Easy Manner of Escape Due to
Broken Window Frame and Recent
Removal of Lock on Door

NO TRACE FOUND BEYOND STATION

County Jail Delivery Not Discovered Un-
til 7 O'clock This Morning When
Birds Had Long Fled

The escape of the only three desper-
ate men in the county jail was ef-
fected sometime between midnight and
seven o'clock this morning, the hour
of the delivery not being known to
officials. The escaping prisoners are
Grover Cleveland, George Meeks and
J. M. Lyons.

The men gained their liberty in a
very simple manner but the four pris-
oners remaining in the battle were
unable to throw any light upon the
matter, claiming that they heard noth-
ing. For over a year the frame has
been broken in the north window of
the jail and the screen which falls
just within the iron bars was easily
removed when the remaining insecure
fragments of the casing were removed.
One bar only was saved at the top
and wrenched from its bearing at the
bottom. This was done from the in-
side. The men were traced as far as
the Oklahoma Central station from
which point all tracks were obliterated.

The jail breaking was not discovered
until 7 o'clock this morning when the
jailer went to let the trustee, Francis
Hendrick, out of his cell.

A month ago the lock on the combi-
nation lock which closes the main cell
was broken by Dan Kelly. It was an
easy matter to reach out of the cell
and lift a small lever, thus unlocking
the heavy cell door. This was accom-
plished perhaps with the aid of a
piece of heavy wire.

Meeks' Pal Escaped Also.

Perhaps the most dangerous of the
trio which escaped is George Meeks,
who was imprisoned on the charge of
stealing cowhides from W. H. Catter-
all of Chickasha. Meeks and another
man claiming to be his brother and
giving the name of A. C. Meeks, were
arrested at Lawton four weeks ago
on this charge. While they were be-
ing taken to Lone Grove, Carter coun-
ty, for the purpose of being identified
by the station agent as the men who
shipped out the hides from that station
on June 13, and were in charge of
Deputy Sheriff Hugh Hogan of Rush
Springs, and C. H. Bailey, of Fort
Worth, special agent for the Texas
Cattle Raisers' association, the man
claiming to be A. C. Meeks jumped
from the window of the passenger
coach and made his escape while the
train was moving at the rate of twenty-
five miles an hour.

George Meeks, since his preliminary,
has told the officers that his pal was
in no way related to him and claimed
to not know his real name.

Grover Cleveland is charged with
horse theft and is from Lawton. He
had been in the county jail for about
two months awaiting trial in the dis-
trict court.

Has Family in City.

J. M. Lyons, who is a repairer of sew-
ing machines and has a wife and two
children residing in this city, was jail-
ed several days ago charged with a
statutory offense.

KILLS WIFE AND OFFICER

By United Press.
Hazelton, Pa., S. J. Spinnell, who is
held on the charge of murdering his
wife and Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler
of the Sixth United States cavalry at
Alpine late yesterday, is the son of
Joseph Spinnell, a pioneer resident
here. He moved to Alpine from Waco
where he was instructor in the Baylor
University music department.

FIREMEN INJURED.

By United Press.
Van Alstyne, Tex., July 21.—James
Roach and Clyde Massie, firemen,
were seriously injured by the collapse
of a wooden awning when the Lyric
moving picture theater was destroyed
by fire this morning.

GOOD GET- TOGETHER MEETING

Butchers and Grocers Discuss Important
Problems and Will Furnish Lists
of Slow Payers

Nine men were present at the spe-
cial grocers' and butchers' meeting
last night which was held at the Com-
mercial and Farm bureau office. This
was the best get-together meeting
which has been held for some time in
the Retail Merchants' association.

The main feature of the meeting was
a talk by A. D. McMullen of Oklahoma
City, who is a special field man work-
ing in the interests of the state associa-
tion and all local associations.

The subjects briefly covered by Mr.
McMullen were: Rating Bureau, bad
checks, collections, weekly bulletins,
co-operative delivery and co-operative
buying. He also explained the bene-
fits of having the state association,
the main value of which is the looking
after the interests of the retailers of
the state in the legislature. Several
matters of great importance to the re-
tailers will be brought up before the
next session of the legislature. Last
year the expense of looking after leg-
islation for the retailers was borne by
a few merchants throughout the state;
every retailer reaped the benefit,
whether he helped in a financial way
or not. Each member of the Retail
Merchants' association should pay the
state dues which is only \$2.00 per
year, said the field manager.

After the instructive talk by Mr.
McMullen several matters of impor-
tance to the grocers and butchers
were brought up for discussion. All
the grocers and butchers will be asked
to make a complete list of their past
due accounts and hand same to the
secretary of the Retail Merchants as-
sociation; he will compile these lists
into one, and will furnish each one
with a copy when completed; this will
be a supplementary list and will be
followed by a new and complete rating
book later. All the grocers, whether
members of not, will be requested to
furnish a list.

Mr. Bische, president of the local
Retailers' association, expressed him-
self as being well pleased with the in-
terest shown at the meeting last night.
He announces that similar meetings
will be held once a month aside from
the general monthly meetings. Mer-
chants who fail to come to these meet-
ings realize that they are missing
something worth while, he says.

Mr. McMullen is creating consid-
erable interest in the local association
and several new members have al-
ready been added.

BOYSCOUTS NEED HELP

"The Scouts are coming to see you,"
said J. H. Mills, scoutmaster.
"In the near future the Boy Scout
committee will call on you for some
assistance. They need money to fix
up their parks and put the movement
in the right shape."

"If the people of Chickasha will help
them they will make it one of the best
movements for the upbuilding of the
boy that has ever been launched in
the city."

"The Scouts aspire to get their park
on the Washita in good shape in the
next thirty days and to secure a state
meet, which will bring hundreds of
boys and their parents to Chickasha
and will be a good ad for the town."

"Don't fail to give them some assist-
ance as the money will be well spent
and will be as 'bread cast upon the
water.'"

Mrs. Forrest Nave and little daugh-
ter, Mary Jane, of El Reno, spent yes-
terday in Chickasha.

AMERICAN SOLDIER IS BEST

War Correspondent Says Material in Bor-
der Militia is Best in the World
But Needs Overhauling

WORKING OVER UNCLE SAM'S MEN

Process is Compared With Repairing
Storm Coat for Service, to the
Disgust of Storm Coat

By William G. Shepherd.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

San Antonio, Tex., July 21.—Uncle
Sam has dug his ancient storm coat,
the militia, out of the attic of peace.
On the hot ironing board of the Texas
sands he is spreading it out for exam-
ination under iron discipline, trying
to make it war proof. It is musty and
wrinkled and creased with seams,
ripped here and there, but the material
is superfine.

True enough, the material does not
like the operation. It would rather be
out in the storm doing its work, but
the storm coats must be overhauled
whether the coat-likes it or not. It
is all according to the man who must
depend on it in rough weather.

Stature of the garment is as varied
as Joseph's coat. There is the
Polish Co. H, First Wisconsin, for in-
stance. Chicago's colored regiment,
the Eighth Illinois, adds variety and
even snapshin. These negroes are
crackjack Americans, as much a part
of the American army as any other
regiment.

It is the same coat and Uncle Sam
has some tailoring on hand. The more
I see of it the more I think the ma-
terial is the best in the world.

LOCALS DEFEAT VISITORS

Country Club Links is Scene of Defeat of
Crack Oklahoma City Golfers With
Score 20 to 9

Keeping score by the Nassau count,
the Chickasha-Oklahoma City tourney
on the local golf links yesterday re-
sulted in a victory of 20 to 9 for the
home players. By this count a player
makes one point if he wins the first
nine holes, another point if he wins
the second nine, and a third point if
he wins both rounds, three points be-
ing the most that one player can
score.

The last score was made by G.
Blackburne whose total number of
strokes was 84. His opponent, Dr. E.
S. Ferguson of Oklahoma City, went
around in 86 strokes, but Mr. Black-
burne beat him one on each round,
scoring three off him.

The other Chickasha players were
F. C. Witherspoon, F. L. Slusher, H.
N. Smith, Junior, D. M. Cavanaugh, Ben

Johnson, Fred Frey, Alger Melton, Dr.
Homer Bond and Thurman H. Wil-
lams, Junior.

WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma. Tonight and Saturday, gen- erally fair. Local Temperature. During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today: Maximum, 92; minimum, 65.

MEXICANS ARRANGE FOR PEACE

Public Pleased With Note to Washington
and Government Picks Out Men
for Peace Commission

By United Press.

Mexico City, July 21.—Anticipating
the acceptance by the United States of
its suggestion regarding the discussion
of the border question by a joint com-
mission, it is indicated here that Mex-
ico will be represented by Roberto
Pesquera, former Carranza representa-
tive at Washington, Luis Cabrera,
minister of finance, and Roberto Pani,
director of railways.

The publication of the note which
was sent to the United States on July
11 aroused favorable comment today.
It suggested three lines of discussion—
co-operative bandit hunting by the
troops of both nations on either side
of the boundary, plans for the with-
drawal of American force and an in-
vestigation of the investigations of
raids on American territory.

U. S. Will Accept.

Washington, July 21.—In all proba-
bility the reply will be sent tomorrow
or the next day to Carranza's note. It
was estimated after a conference be-
tween Ambassadors Designate Arre-
dondo and Fletcher and Acting Sec-
retary of State Polk. It is believed the
note will be an acceptance of Mexico's
proposals.

Stole Army Rifles.

By United Press.
Columbus, N. M., July 21.—After
stealing rifles and ammunition from
sleeping truck drivers, several Mexi-
can laborers employed on the roads
along the lines of communication de-
serted last night and headed south to
join the Villistas. Pursuing cavalry-
men captured one of the Mexicans af-
ter a twenty-four hour chase.

STUDENT SOLDIERS PASS THROUGH

Battery F of the First Minnesota
Field Artillery, composed of 196 stu-
dents from the University of Minne-
sota, passed through Chickasha via the
Rock Island at 11 o'clock this morning.
en route to Dallas, and thence to the
border. They were in command of
Major Leach and entrained at Ft.
Snelling, Minn., Wednesday at 10 a.
m.

The train carried eighteen cars, six
of which were standard Pullmans.
Twelve big guns were loaded on the
flat cars, a part of them belonging to
batteries D and E which are following.

Frank Shreiner and Jack Upshur of
Oklahoma City, who played in the golf
tournament yesterday are remaining in
Chickasha for a week-end with Mr.
and Mrs. F. C. Witherspoon.

Johnson, Fred Frey, Alger Melton, Dr.
Homer Bond and Thurman H. Wil-
lams, Junior.

GERMAN FRENCH CONFLICT

French Repulse Heavy Counter Attacks
and Their Positions in Vosges
Heavily Bombarded

BRITISH NOW USE THE NUT CRACKER

Germans Driven Out of Woods North of
Longueval and in Danger of Being
Crushed Between Arms

By United Press.

Paris, July 21.—The French today
repulsed a heavy German counter at-
tack on the positions which the
French won yesterday in the renewal
of the Somme assault. The official
statement reports French successes
all along the line and indicates that
the heaviest fighting took place in the
sector where the offensive gained
ground along a ten-mile front.

In the Vosges region the Germans
are violently bombarding French posi-
tions.

Rumors of Naval Battle.

By United Press.
London, July 21.—The reports
brought in by Danish sailors arriving
from the North sea that they had
heard heavy guns, led to the rumors
that there may have been a naval en-
gagement between Russian and Ger-
man vessels. No official dispatches
support this rumor.

Deutschland Inactive.

By United Press.
Baltimore, Md., July 21.—The
Deutschland still rides at anchor here.

Urge Polish Relief.

By United Press.
Washington, July 21.—The presi-
dent today signed personal letters ad-
dressed to the rulers of England, Rus-
sia, France, Germany and Austria urg-
ing upon them a quick solution of the
Polish relief problem.

Submarines Active.

By United Press.
London, July 21.—The British steam-
ers, Karma, Grankemoor and Yser
have been submerged today. All the
crews were saved.

Caught in Nut Cracker.

By United Press.
London, July 21.—General Haig re-
ports that the German detachment
which gained an entry into the four
Eaux woods north of Longueval have
been driven out by the British today.

The German crown prince invented
the nut-cracker style of attack but
the British are now putting this into
use. The Germans were squeezed in
an open nut cracker. The French
and British together closed the nut-
cracker, the British are swinging for-
ward their arm in the Olville woods
while the French are pressing forward
south of Peronne.

By United Press.

Berlin, July 21.—A German subma-
rine shelled the iron works of the
English seaport of Seaham on July 11.

Miss Marietta Warr of Oklahoma
City is expected to arrive in Chickasha
tomorrow for a week's visit with Mr.
and Mrs. Reford Bond.

ASSAULTS MAN HE ENGAGES

Unknown Hires Chickasha Man and Team
on Indefinite Trip and Tries to Kill
Driver for Money

VERDEN POSSE IN PURSUIT OF MAN

G. E. Allen, Farmer and Teamster,
Reputed to Have Money, is Victim
of Badly Executed Plan

A posse of officers and citizens is
scouring the country about Verden to-
day in search of a man, name un-
known who assaulted and attempted
to kill a Chickasha man near that
town yesterday afternoon.

The facts thus far available indicate
a deeply thought-out and diabolical
plot to murder G. E. Allen, a bachelor,
who for several years has been farm-
ing near Chickasha and doing hauling
with his team. Allen is reputed to
have some money hidden away in a
spot known only to himself, and this
knowledge evidently came to the
knowledge of an unknown, smooth-
shaven man of medium build, clothed
in summer shirt and Panama trousers,
who had evidently spent several days
in and about Chickasha before con-
ceiving the plot. All that is known of
him was furnished by Allen while he
was having his wounds dressed at the
City Hotel in Verden yesterday after-
noon. The unknown, claiming to be
a peddler of a hair tonic of some kind,
engaged the Chickasha man to drive
him over the country for an indefinite
period.

No Baggage or Stock.

Strangely, Allen did not inquire the
name of the man for whom he was to
render this service nor any details
concerning his former whereabouts,
but fell into the scheme unsuspect-
ingly, and began the journey notwith-
standing the fact that on the outset
the stranger had only two partially
filled bottles as his stock in trade. He
had no other baggage of any descrip-
tion.

Allen claims he was to be paid \$3
a day. The couple started out Wed-
nesday afternoon and struck camp be-
yond Norge, where they remained for
the night, sleeping during the heavy
rain in the covered wagon and prepar-
ing their meals with cooking utensils
which had been taken along.

Assaulted With Hammer.

Thursday morning they turned north
and passed through Verden in the af-
ternoon taking the county line road.
When four miles north of Verden the
stranger said he believed he would lie
down in the back end of the wagon
and sleep until they got farther from
town. In a few minutes, seizing a
hammer, he started for the driver.
The first thing Allen knew of it he
felt a blow on the head but thought
he had been struck by the wagon bow.
Three blows were delivered in quick
succession but of not sufficient force
to cause insensibility. The men then
clutched and Allen, being the more
powerful, proved too much for his an-
tagonist, who fled, leaving his hat in
the wagon.

Possee Starts Out.

Allen returned to Verden where he
notified the people of the assault and
a posse was immediately formed and
started out in a man hunt which up to
this hour has been fruitless.

Local Officers Notified.

The sheriff's office was notified and
Under Sheriff R. C. Rucker and De-
puty Sheriff Castleman went out just
before dark, but night overtaking them
they returned to the city. County At-
torney Venable, believing from the
first reports that Allen would proba-
bly die, also left for the scene of the
trouble, but found the man in a con-
dition that will permit of his return to
Chickasha today.

Carried No Weapon.

A curious fact in connection with
the affair is that so far as can be
learned the unknown carried neither
a pistol nor a knife capable of aiding
him in carrying out his plan.

Bags Old Jumper.

A telephone message received by the
county attorney this morning stated
that a bloody shirt found in the wagon

WOULD BE FIGHT TO A FINISH

County Attorney Makes Prediction in Event
Tate-Flynn Scheduled Bout Should
Take Place Tuesday

WILL ASK COURT FOR INJUNCTION

Petition Naming Eight Defendants and
Throwing Bouquets at Contestants Will
Be Heard Saturday

The much discussed injunction case
restraining the principals in the Tate-
Flynn contest which is scheduled to
take place here on July 25, will be
heard at ten o'clock tomorrow
morning, it was officially announced
today by County Attorney Venable.

Eight Defendants Mentioned.

The petition will be styled State of
Oklahoma, ex rel John Venable, coun-
ty attorney of Grady county, Oklaho-
ma, vs. Texas Tate, Jim Flynn, George
Ellsworth, Jack Curley, Young Mc-
Kee, Bobby Greer, The Chickasha Busi-
ness Men's Athletic club, and Ben F.
Johnson.

The petition, shorn of its legal ver-
bage, reads in part as follows:

Comes now the State of Oklahoma,
ex rel John H. Venable, the duly elect-
ed, qualified and acting county attor-
ney of Grady county, Oklahoma, and
alleges and shows the court that Texas
Tate is the heavyweight champion
boxer and prize fighter of the south-
west, and that the defendant, Jim
Flynn, is a resident of Pueblo, Colora-
do, and has a national and interna-
tional reputation as a prize fighter and
has the best reputation of any boxer
in the world, having fought one hun-
dred and seventy-five battles, and has
sustained only nine knockouts; that
the defendant George Ellsworth, is
Tate's manager, that Jack Curley is
manager for Jim Flynn, but the resi-
dence of Curley is unknown to the
petitioner; that young McKee is a resi-
dent of Oklahoma City and Bobby
Greer of Lawton; that the Chickasha
Business Men's Athletic club is a local
organization of which George Ell-
sworth is credited with being the man-
ager and that Ben F. Johnson is a resi-
dent of Chickasha and is in possession
of, manages and is the owner of what
is known as the University Ball Park;

that Texas Tate and Jim Flynn have en-
tered into a contract drawn up by
their managers, to engage in a ring or
prize fight, or contention at the said
park on the night of July 25 unless
the court issues an order of injunction
restraining them from engaging in
such fight and that the said managers
expect to aid and abet, umpire or
cause to be umpired the said ring or
prize fight or contention, and that ath-
letic club is promoting and encourag-
ing the fight; that young McKee and
Bobby Greer expect to engage in a
ring or prize fight or contention on
the same night; it is believed by the
county attorney under the auspices of
the same club; that Ben F. Johnson
has rented or leased the University
Ball Park to said defendants for the
purpose of said fight or contention
and is, therefore, aiding, abetting, en-
couraging and promoting said fight.

Throws Bouquets at Tate.

The petition proceeds to recount
that Texas Tate is a fast rising aspi-
rant for the championship crown of
the heavyweight world and is willing
to meet any man in the world and
hopes to become the champion prize
fighter of the world and that the de-
fendant Jim Flynn is in daily training
and expects the greatest battle of his
entire career at Chickasha on this oc-
casion and that among his contestants
was the famous and infamous Jack
Johnson, once champion of the world.

Expect Sporting Authorities.

Further, it is charged that the de-
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GASOLINE CAVALRY READY TO ADVANCE



Company of "gasoline cavalry," as this motorcycle contingent is called at Fort Bliss, Tex., ready to start to the border for patrol duty.